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THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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THE GREAT FALLS OF THE YELLOWSTONE, NEARLY TWICE AS HIGH AS NIAGARA

Below these falls the river enters the gorgeously colored Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone



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ANTELOPE

THE LAND *of* WONDERS

THE Yellowstone National Park is the largest and most widely celebrated of our national parks. It is a wooded wilderness of thirty-three hundred square miles. It contains more geysers than are found in the rest of the world together. It has innumerable boiling springs whose steam mingles with the clouds.

It has many rushing rivers and large lakes. It has waterfalls of great height and large volume. It has fishing waters unexcelled.

It has canyons of sublimity, one of which presents a spectacle of broken color unequalled. It has areas of petrified forests with trunks standing. It has innumerable wild animals which have ceased unduly to fear man; in fact, it is unique as a bird and animal sanctuary.

It has great hotels and many public camps. It has two hundred miles of excellent roads.

In short, it is not only the wonderland that common report describes; it is also the fitting playground and pleasure resort of a great people; it is also the ideal summer school of nature study.



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THE UPPER FALLS OF THE YELLOWSTONE, A FEW MILES BELOW YELLOWSTONE LAKE
Above these falls the rushing river lies nearly level with surrounding country; below it begin the canyons



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CREST OF THE LOWER FALLS

THREEFOLD PERSONALITY

THE Yellowstone is associated in the public mind with geysers only. Thousands even of those who, watches in hand, have hustled from sight to sight over the usual stage schedules, bring home vivid impressions of little else.

There never was a greater mistake. Were there no geysers, the Yellowstone watershed alone, with its glowing canyon, would be worth the national park. Were there also no canyon, the scenic wilderness and its incomparable wealth of wild-animal life would be worth the national park.

The personality of the Yellowstone is threefold. The hot-water manifestations are worth minute examination, the canyon a contemplative visit, the park a summer. Dunraven Pass, Mount Washburn, the canyon at Tower Falls, Shoshone Lake, Sylvan Pass—these are known to very few indeed. See all or you have not seen the Yellowstone.



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CASTLE WELL, ONE OF THE INNUMERABLE HOT SPRINGS

These springs, whose marvellously clear water is a deep blue, have an astonishing depth



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THE CARVED AND FRETTED TERRACES AT MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS

These great white hills, deposited and built up by the hot waters, sometimes envelope forest trees



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THE GIANT GEYSER, IN MANY RESPECTS THE GREATEST OF ALL

It spouts for an hour at a time, the water reaching a height of 250 feet. Interval, six to fourteen days



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THE NORRIS GEYSER BASIN

GEYSERS SPOUT AND STEAMING VAPORS RISE

THE first view of the geyser basins affords a sensation never to be forgotten. Early explorers imagined they smelled brimstone. Early lecturers were hissed and sometimes even stoned in the streets as imposters. Certainly the imaginative beholder acquires thrills he never before experienced.

There are more than forty geysers accessible in the three large basins on the west side. Some spout every few seconds, some every few minutes, others at intervals of hours or days, a few at irregular intervals of weeks. The eruptions vary from several feet to two hundred and fifty feet.

But the whole region bubbles and hisses and steams.



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THE LIVELY RIVERSIDE GEYSER WHICH PLAYS EVERY FEW HOURS



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THE SPECTACULAR FOUNTAIN GEYSER, SELDOM IN ERUPTION



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ELECTRIC PEAK, A SUPERB LANDMARK OF THE NORTH SIDE

MANY-COLORED CANYON

FROM Inspiration Point, looking a thousand feet almost vertically down upon the foaming Yellowstone River, and southward three miles to the Great Falls, the hushed observer sees spread before him the most glorious kaleidoscope of color he will ever see in nature. The steep slopes are inconceivably carved by the frost and the erosion of the ages. Sometimes they lie in straight lines at easy angles, from which jut high rocky prominences. Sometimes they seem carved from the side walls. Here and there jagged rocky needles rise perpendicularly like groups of gothic spires.

And the whole is colored as brokenly and vividly as the field of a kaleidoscope. The whole is streaked and spotted in every shade from the deepest orange to the faintest lemon, from deep crimson through all the brick shades to the softest pink, from black through all the grays and pearls to glistening white. The greens are furnished by the dark pines above, the lighter shades of growth caught here and there in soft masses on the gentler slopes and the foaming green of the plunging river so far below. The blues, ever changing, are found in the dome of the sky overhead.



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SYLVAN LAKE, BELOW SYLVAN PASS, CODY ROAD



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VIEW FROM MOUNT WASHBURN SHOWING YELLOWSTONE LAKE IN DISTANCE

The northern east side is a country of striking and romantic scenery made accessible by excellent roads



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STANDING UPON ARTIST'S POINT, WHICH PUSHES OUT ALMOST OVER THE FOAMING RIVER A THOUSAND FEET BELOW, THE INCOMPARABLE CANYON OF THE YELLOWSTONE WIDENS BEFORE YOU INTO THE MOST GLORIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOR YOU WILL EVER SEE IN NATURE



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THIRTY THOUSAND ELK ROAM THIS SANCTUARY WILDERNESS



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IT IS THE NATURAL HOME OF THE CELEBRATED BIGHORN, THE ROCKY-MOUNTAIN SHEEP



Photograph by G. Swanson

DEER MAKE UNEXPECTED SILHOUETTES AT FREQUENT INTERVALS

GREATEST ANIMAL REFUGE

THE Yellowstone National Park is by far the largest and most successful wild-animal preserve in the world. Since it was established in 1872 hunting has been strictly prohibited, and elk, bear, deer of several kinds, antelope, bison, moose, and bighorn mountain sheep roam the valleys and mountains in large numbers. Thirty thousand elk, for instance, live in the park. Antelope, nearly extinct elsewhere, here abound.

These animals have long since ceased to fear man as wild animals do everywhere except in our national parks. While few tourists see them who follow the beaten roads in the everlasting sequence of stages, those who linger in the glorious wilderness see them in an abundance that fairly astonishes.



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IN WINTER WHEN THE SNOWS ARE DEEP PARK RANGERS LEAVE HAY IN CONVENIENT SPOTS



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THERE ARE TWO PROSPEROUS HERDS OF BISON, OR BUFFALO, BOTH INCREASING RAPIDLY. THE WILD HERD IS A REMNANT OF THE WILD HERDS OF THE PLAINS, WHICH WERE DRIVEN BACK BY HUNTERS AND SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE MOUNTAINS

ANIMALS REALLY AT HOME



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UNLIKE THE GRIZZLY, THE BROWN BEAR CLIMBS TREES QUICKLY AND EASILY

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ERY different, indeed, from the beasts of the after-dinner story and the literature of adventure are the wild animals of the Yellowstone. Never shot at, never pursued, they are comparatively as fearless as song-birds nestling in the homestead trees.

Wilderness bears cross the road without haste a few yards ahead of the solitary passer-by, and his accustomed horses jog on undisturbed. Deer by scores lift their antlered heads above near thickets to watch his passing. Elk scarcely slow their cropping of forest grasses. Even the occasional moose, straying far from his southern wilderness, scarcely quickens his long lope. Herds of antelope on near-by hills watch but hold their own.

Only the grizzly and the mountain sheep, besides the predatory beasts, still hide in the fastnesses. But even the mountain sheep loses fear and joins the others in winters of heavy snow when park rangers scatter hay by the roadside.



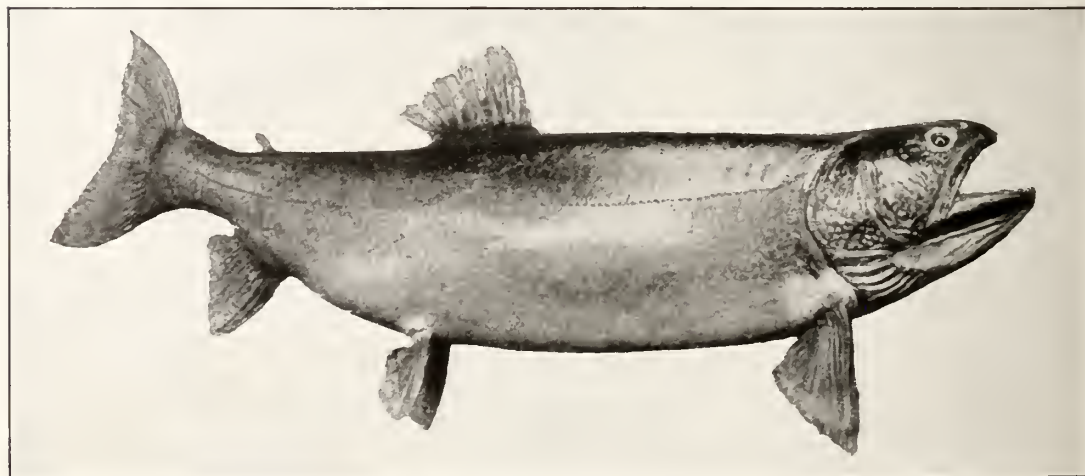
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THE PARADISE OF ANGLERS

THE Yellowstone is a land of splendid rivers. Three watersheds find their beginnings within its borders. From Yellowstone Lake flows north the rushing Yellowstone River with its many tributaries; from Shoshone, Lewis, and Heart Lakes flows south the Snake River; and in the western slopes rise the Madison and its many tributaries. All are trout waters of high degree.

The native trout of this region is the famous cutthroat. The grayling is native in the Madison River and its tributaries. Others have been planted.

Besides the stream fishing, which is unsurpassed, the lakes, particularly Shoshone Lake and certain small ones, afford admirable sport.



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A BIG LAKE TROUT FROM SHOSHONE LAKE

The game cutthroat is the commonest trout in the Yellowstone, but there are six other varieties



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CUTTHROATS FROM ONE TO THREE OR FOUR POUNDS ARE TAKEN IN LARGE NUMBERS
AT THE YELLOWSTONE LAKE OUTLET



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YOUNG PELICANS ON MOLLY ISLAND IN YELLOWSTONE LAKE

The Yellowstone pelicans are very large and pure white, a picturesque feature of the park



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THE MAMMOTH HOTEL



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THE LAKE HOTEL

THREE OF THE FIVE LARGE HOTELS IN THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK



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THERE ARE ALSO LARGE PUBLIC CAMPS

LIVING *in the* YELLOWSTONE

THE park has entrances on all four sides. Three have railroad connections; the southern entrance, by way of Jackson Hole and past the jagged snowy Tetons, is available for vehicles. The roads from all entrances enter a central belt road which makes a large circuit connecting places of special interest.

Four large hotels are located at points convenient for seeing the sights, and are supplemented by public camps at modest prices.

But the day of the unhurried visitor has dawned. If you want to enjoy your Yellowstone, if, indeed, you want even to *see* it, you should make your minimum twice five days; two weeks is better; a month is ideal.

Spend the additional time at the canyon and on the trails. See the lake and the pelicans. Fish in Shoshone Lake. Climb Mount Washburn. Spend a day at Tower Falls. See Mammoth Hot Springs. Hunt wild animals with a camera. Stay with the wilderness and it will repay you a thousandfold. Fish a little, study nature in her myriad wealth—and live.

The Yellowstone National Park is ideal for camping out. When people realize this it should quickly become one of the most lived in, as it already is one of the most livable, of all our national parks.



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THE SOUTH ENTRANCE IS NEAR THE LORDLY TETON RANGE, JUST OVER THE BOUNDARY

THE NATIONAL PARKS AT A GLANCE

Number, 17; Total Area, 9,774 Square Miles. Arranged chronologically in the order of their creation.

| NATIONAL PARK and Date | LOCATION | AREA in square miles | DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS |
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| HOT SPRINGS RES- ERVATION 1832 | Middle Arkansas | 1½ | 46 hot springs possessing curative properties—Many hotels and boarding houses in adjacent city of Hot Springs—Bathhouses under public control. |
| YELLOWSTONE 1872 | North- western Wyoming | 3,348 | More geysers than in all rest of world together—Boiling springs—Mud volcanoes—Petrified forests—Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, remarkable for gorgeous coloring—Large lakes and waterfalls—Vast wilderness inhabited by deer, elk, bison, moose, antelope, bear, mountain sheep, etc.; greatest wild bird and animal preserve in world. |
| YOSEMITE 1890 | Middle eastern California | 1,125 | Valley of world-famed beauty—Lofty cliffs—Romantic vistas—Waterfalls of extraordinary height—3 groves of big trees—Large areas of snowy peaks—Waterwheel falls. |
| SEQUOIA 1890 | Middle eastern California | 252 | The Big Tree National Park—12,000 sequoia trees over 10 feet in diameter, some 25 to 36 feet in diameter. |
| GENERAL GRANT 1890 | Middle California | 4 | Created to preserve the celebrated General Grant Tree, 35 feet in diameter—6 miles from Sequoia National Park. |
| MOUNT RAINIER 1899 | West central Washington | 324 | Largest accessible single-peak glacier system—28 glaciers, some of large size—48 square miles of glacier, 50 to 1,000 feet thick—Remarkable subalpine wild-flower fields. |
| CRATER LAKE 1902 | Southern Oregon | 249 | Lake of extraordinary blue in crater of extinct volcano, no visible inlet, or outlet—Sides 1,000 feet high. |
| PLATT 1904 | Southern Oklahoma | 1½ | Sulphur and other springs possessing curative properties—Under Government regulation. |
| MESA VERDE 1906 | Southern Colorado | 77 | Most notable and best-preserved prehistoric cliff dwellings in United States, if not in the world. |
| GLACIER 1910 | North- western Montana | 1,534 | Rugged mountain region of unsurpassed alpine character—250 glacier-fed lakes of romantic beauty—60 small glaciers—Peaks of unusual shape—Precipices thousands of feet deep—Fine trout fishing. |
| ROCKY MOUNTAIN 1915 | Northern Colorado | 398 | Heart of the Rockies—Snowy Range, peaks 11,000 to 14,250 feet altitude—Remarkable records of glacial period. |
| HAWAII 1916 | Hawaii | 118 | Two active volcanoes, Mauna Loa, largest in the world, and Kilauea, whose lake of bubbling lava is world famed—A third volcano, Haleakala, whose crater, 8 miles wide, contains many cones. |
| LASSEN VOLCANIC 1916 | Northern California | 124 | Active volcano—Lassen Peak, 10,437 feet in altitude—Cinder Cone, 6,907 feet—Hot springs—Mud geysers. |
| MOUNT MCKINLEY 1917 | South central Alaska | 2,200 | Highest Mountain in North America—Rises higher above surrounding country than any mountain in the world. |

National Parks of less popular interest are:

Casa Grande Ruin, 1889, Arizona.....Prehistoric Indian ruin.
Wind Cave, 1903, South Dakota.....Large natural cavern.
Sullys Hill, 1904, North Dakota.....Wooded hilly tract on Devils Lake.

HOW TO REACH THE NATIONAL PARKS



The map shows the location of all of our National Parks and their principal railroad connections. The traveler may work out his routes to suit himself. Low round-trip excursion fares to the American Rocky Mountain region and Pacific Coast may be availed of in visiting the National Parks during their respective seasons, thus materially reducing the cost of the trip. Transcontinental through trains and branch lines make the Parks easy of access from all parts of the United States. For schedules and excursion fares to and between the National Parks apply to your local railway ticket office or to any excursion agency, or write to the Passenger Departments of the railroads which appear on the above map, as follows:

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| ARIZONA EASTERN RAILROAD | Tucson, Ariz. |
| ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILWAY | 1119 Railway Exchange, Chicago, Ill. |
| CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY | 225 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. |
| CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD CO. | 547 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. |
| CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY | Railway Exchange, Chicago, Ill. |
| CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC RAILWAY CO. | La Salle Street Station, Chicago, Ill. |
| COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILWAY | Railway Exchange Building, Denver, Colo. |
| DENVER & RIO GRANDE RAILROAD CO. | Equitable Building, Denver, Colo. |
| GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY | Railroad Building, Fourth and Jackson Streets, St. Paul, Minn. |
| GULF, COLORADO & SANTA FE RAILWAY | Galveston, Tex. |
| ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD | Central Station, Chicago, Ill. |
| MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY | Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, Mo. |
| NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY | Railroad Building, Fifth and Jackson Streets, St. Paul, Minn. |
| SAN PEDRO, LOS ANGELES & SALT LAKE RAILROAD | Pacific Electric Building, Los Angeles, Cal. |
| SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO. | Flood Building, San Francisco, Cal. |
| UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM | Garland Building, 88 East Washington Street, Chicago, Ill. |
| WABASH RAILWAY | Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, Mo. |
| WESTERN PACIFIC RAILWAY | Mills Building, San Francisco, Cal. |

For information about sojourning and traveling within the National Parks write to the Department of the Interior for the Information circular of the Park or Parks in which you are interested.

REMEMBER THAT

THE NATIONAL PARKS BELONG TO YOU

THEY ARE THE GREAT NATIONAL PLAYGROUNDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR WHOM THEY ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR